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Solar Modeling for Systems Driven Approach

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MYTP Systems Driven Approach Activities

- Develop Solar Systems Model
- Develop Market-Based Technical Targets and Impact Estimates
- Conduct Technology Benchmark, Validation, and Analysis Updates

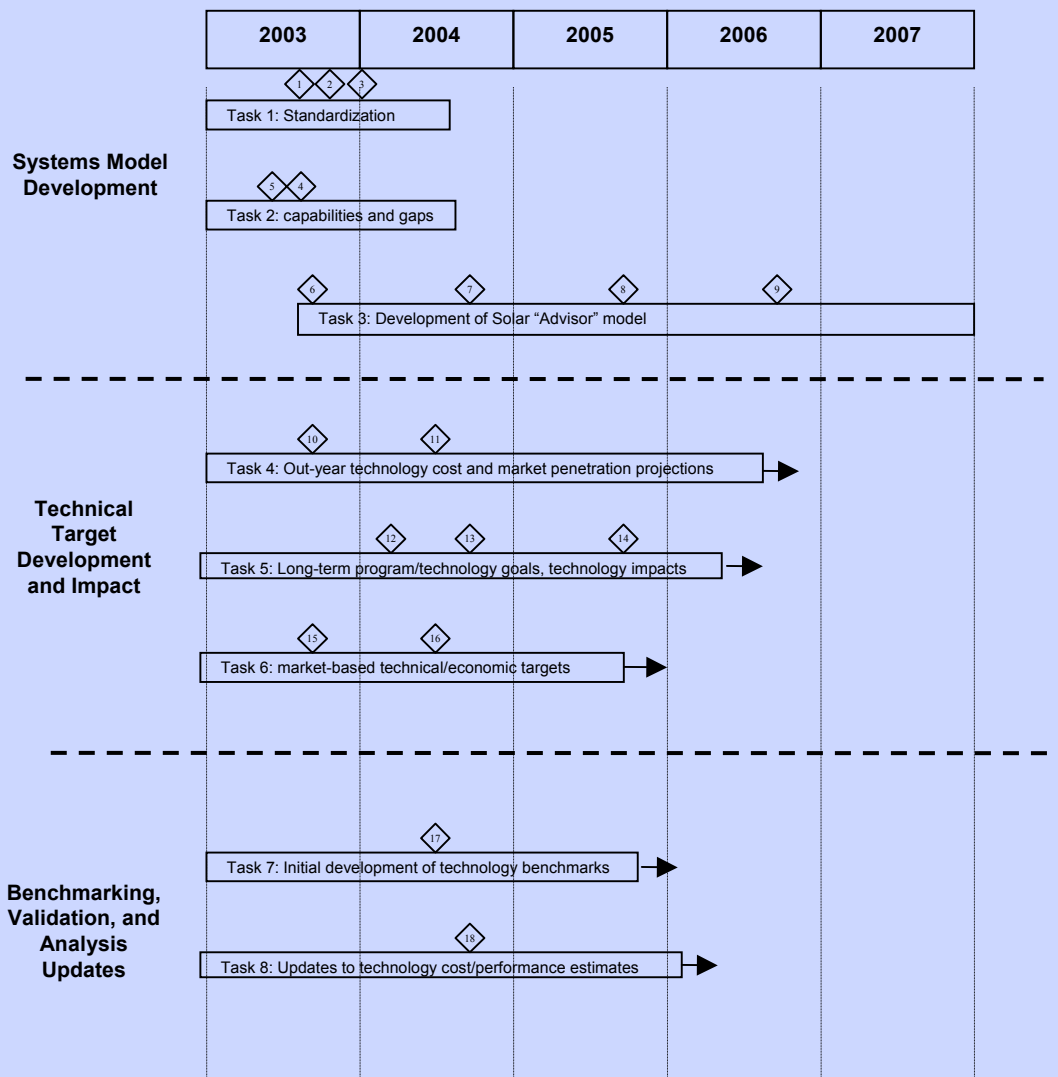


Systems Modeling Development Approach

- Development of Stand-Alone PV Advisor Model
 - Quickly build PV model w/o need to wait for more complex integrated model
 - Support development of PV model w/ emphasis on standard cost and financial methodologies.
 - Integrate validated PV model components into solar advisor model
- Development of Integrated Solar Advisor Model
 - Performance/financial analysis of distributed, central station, and buildings-integrated solar technologies
 - Solar technologies will include PV, CSP, and SH systems
 - Beta model for at least one market (multiple technologies) will be developed in FY04



Modeling Project Plan (MYTP)



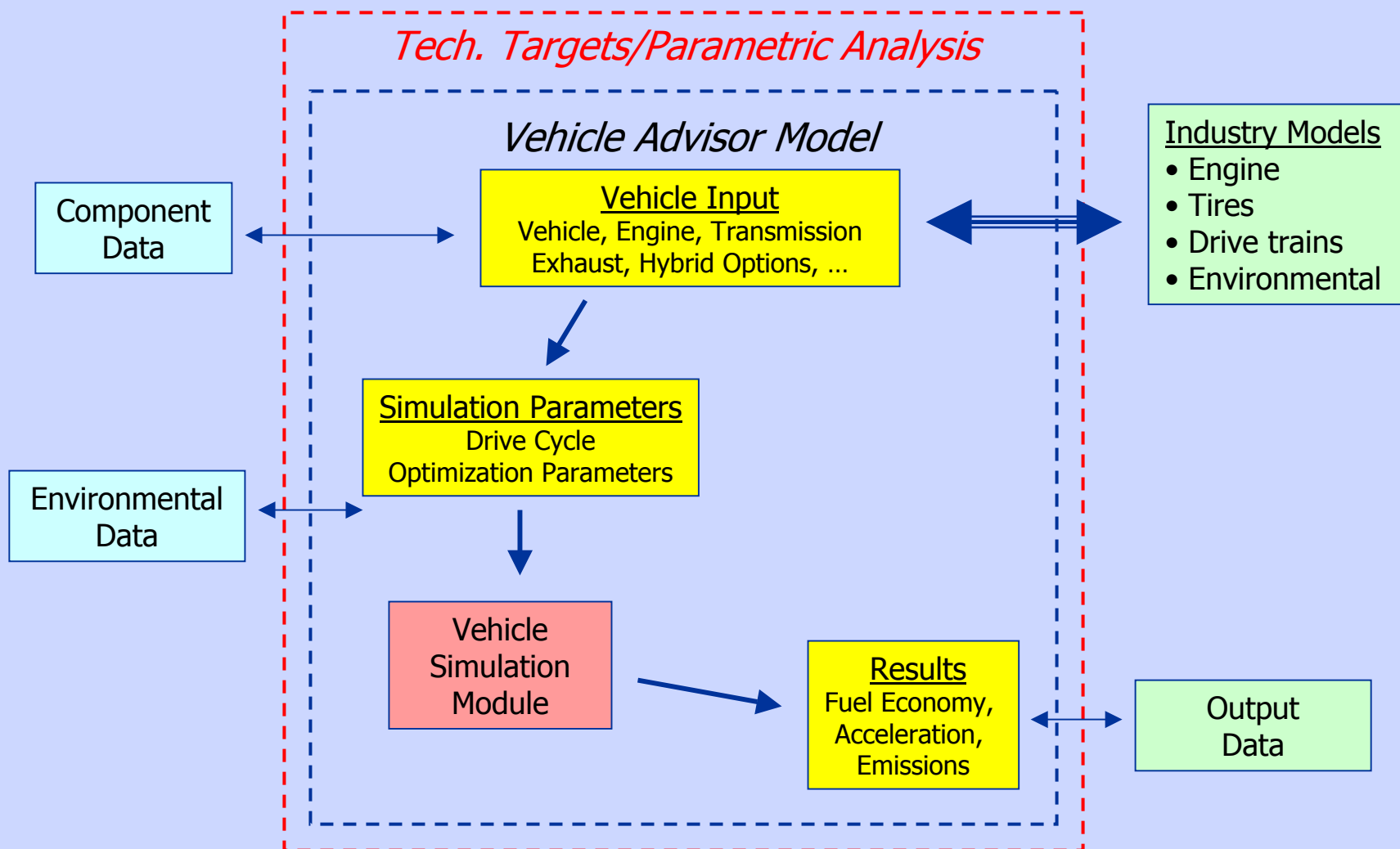
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Milestones

1. Develop standard technology configurations
2. Develop technology benchmark input requirements
3. Develop standard financial/economic assumptions for baseline configurations
4. Identify existing program/technology analysis capabilities
5. Identify existing or recommend development of new market-based systems analysis platforms
6. Select candidate market(s) for near-term development of integrated analysis platforms
7. Demonstrate beta version of 1-2 integrated solar analysis platforms for selected markets
8. Demonstrate beta versions of integrated solar analysis platforms for remaining market sectors
9. Demonstrate integrated analysis platform for integrated market sectors
10. Identify out-year technology cost projections based on existing program/technology documents (roadmaps, program plans, etc...)
11. Conduct rigorous due-diligence like review of out-year projections (not including troughs/towers)
12. Align program/technology goals with EERE and National goals and interests (i.e. conservation, infrastructure, energy supply, environment, security)
13. Complete initial analysis estimating long-term benefits that are aligned with National goals and interests
14. Complete trade-off studies identifying highest impact technologies for each market sector
15. Identify high-level market-specific technical/economic measures of success for each technology (i.e. LCOE, payback, first cost)
16. Complete development of initial system level technical/economic targets for each high-level MOS
17. Document cost, performance, and reliability FY03 benchmarks for each OSET technology based on standardized assumptions
18. Define parameters of program-wide cost, performance, and reliability data collection requirements

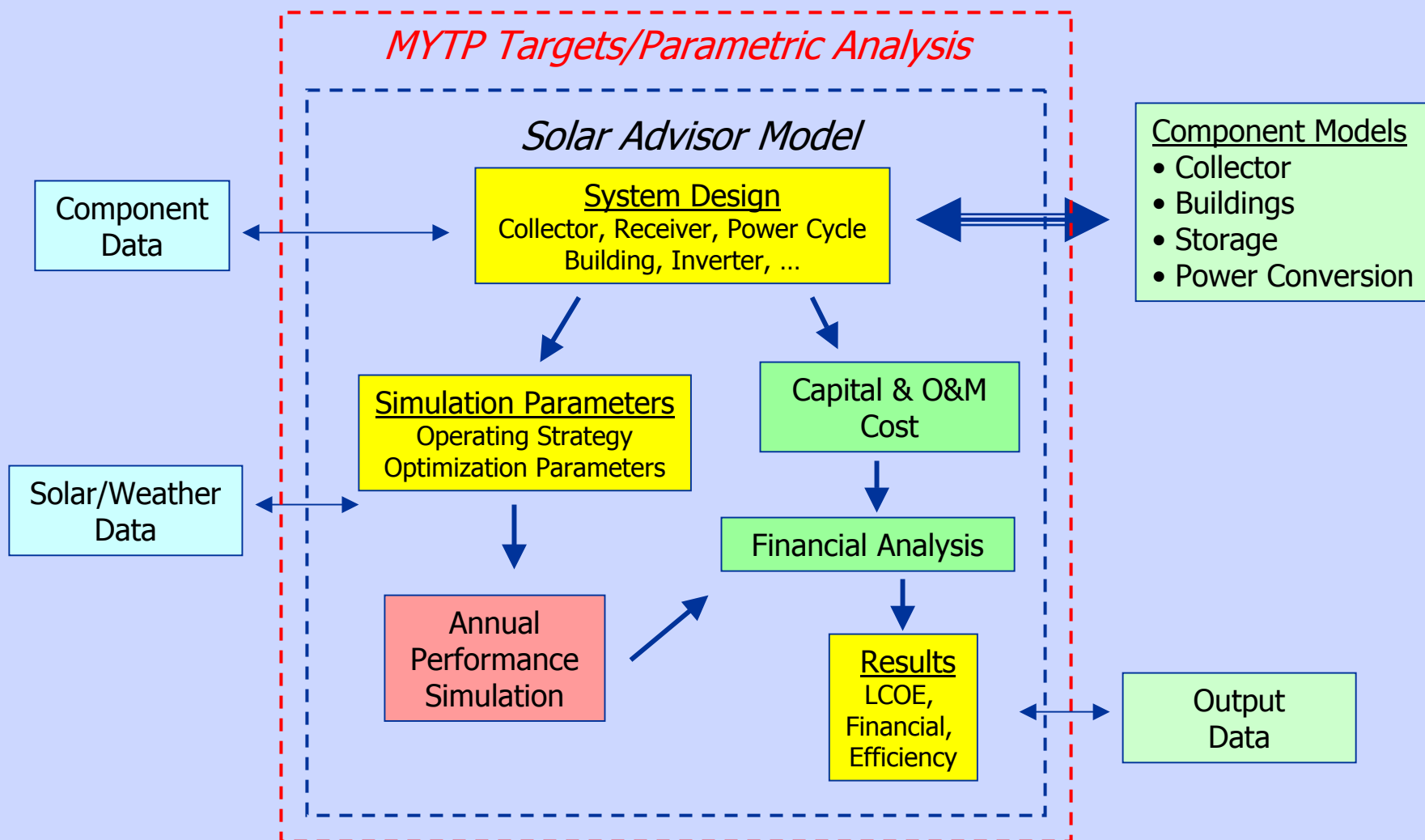


Vehicle Advisor Model





Solar Advisor Model





Model Development Tasks

- Develop Software Requirements Specification
- Develop Graphical User Interface
- Develop performance models for standard PV, CSP, and SH configurations
- Develop financial assumptions and models for standard configurations
- Integrate GUI, performance models, and financial models into first beta-model



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PV Systems Analysis Model

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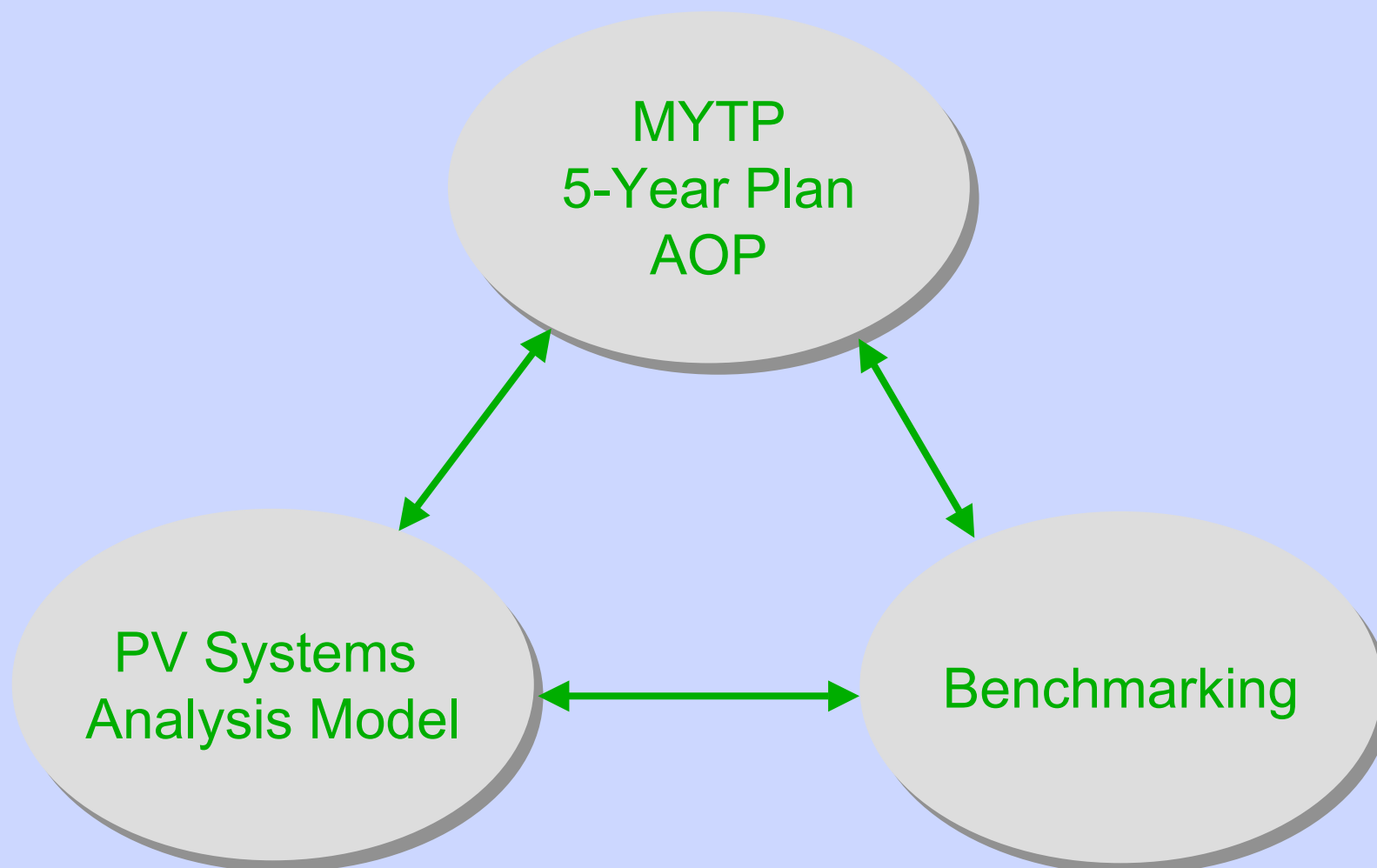


Model Considerations

- Component-level sensitivity analysis *from system perspective*
- Utilize analysis to inform R&D investment decisions
- Comprehensive model to accurately predict system performance
- Benchmarking effort critical to model credibility



Programmatic Context





Concept

Performance

Material
& Device
Models

Component
& Subsystem
Models

System
Design &
Performance
Models

Solar
Resource/Weather Models
& Data

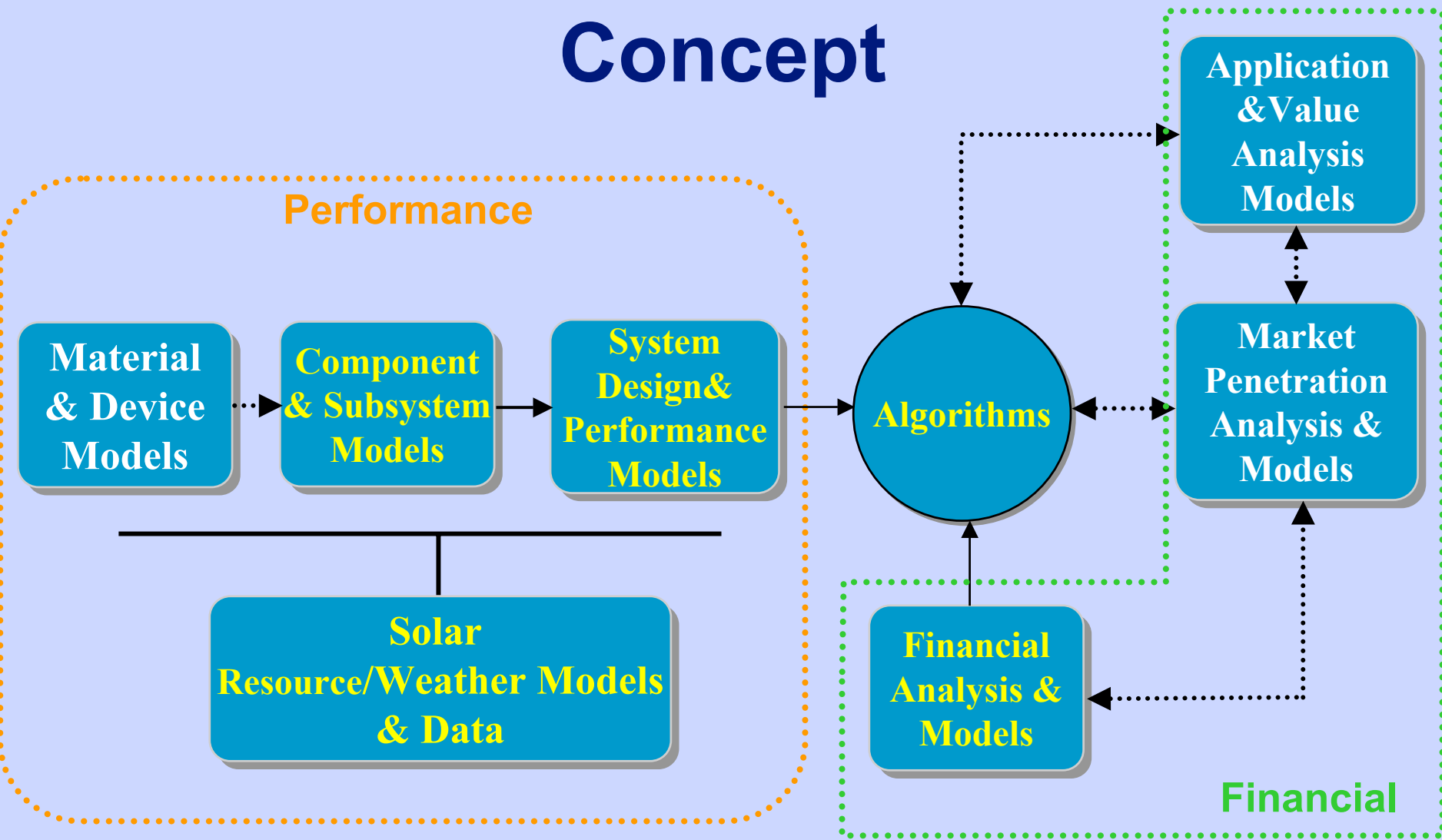
Algorithms

Application
& Value
Analysis
Models

Market
Penetration
Analysis &
Models

Financial
Analysis &
Models

Financial





PERFORMANCE MODULE

Inputs (Either fixed or variable)

- Module efficiency
- Module and inverter efficiency degradation rate
- Module and Inverter failure rates
- Inverter efficiency
- Electrical losses in wiring and connections, degradation
- Module mount angle
- Tracked or fixed
- System lifetime
- Solar resource

FINANCIAL MODULE

Inputs (Either fixed or variable)

- Cost of Module
- Cost of BOS
- O&M
- Financing terms and costs
- Incentives (buy downs, tax credits, CO₂ credits)
- Cost of land/siting
- Cost of permitting
- Local utility rate structure

System Output

Algorithms

Capital and
yearly costs

OUTPUTS

- Levelized cost of energy
- Cost of electricity vs. time
- Summary data (cost of system, cost breakdown of components and labor)
- Amount of electricity delivered for system life, per year, etc.
- System payback for a given location

Multi-variable graphing to
show sensitivity of different
inputs and optimized
conditions



PV Systems Analysis Model



- **Select/Modify
a Default System**
- **Build your
Own System**



Select System Type



Utility Scale



BIPV



Commercial



Small-scale
Stand Alone



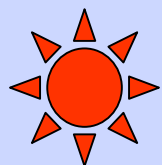
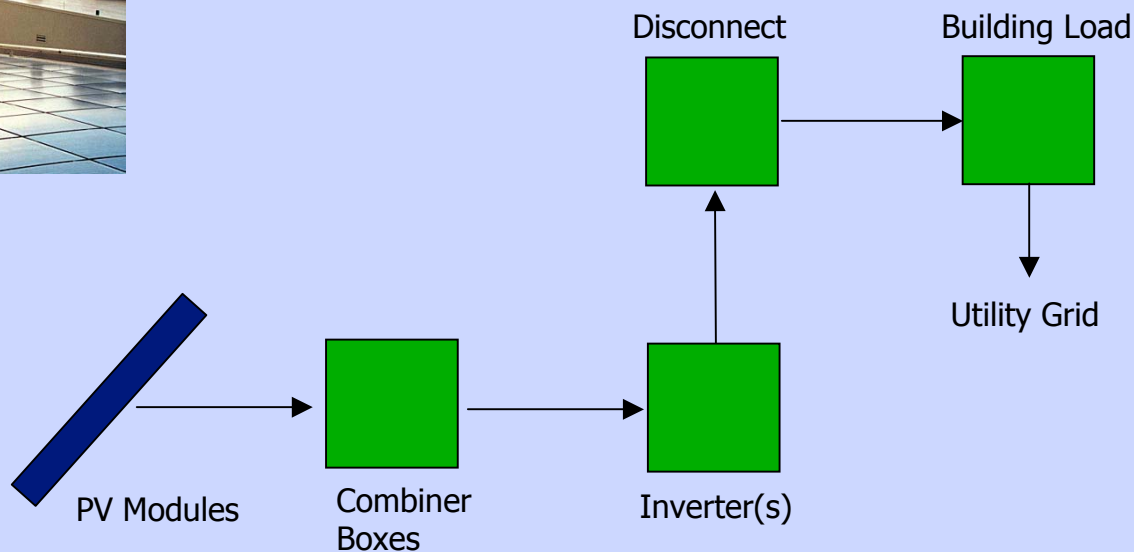
Residential Grid-tied



Large Load
Stand Alone



Commercial Scale System

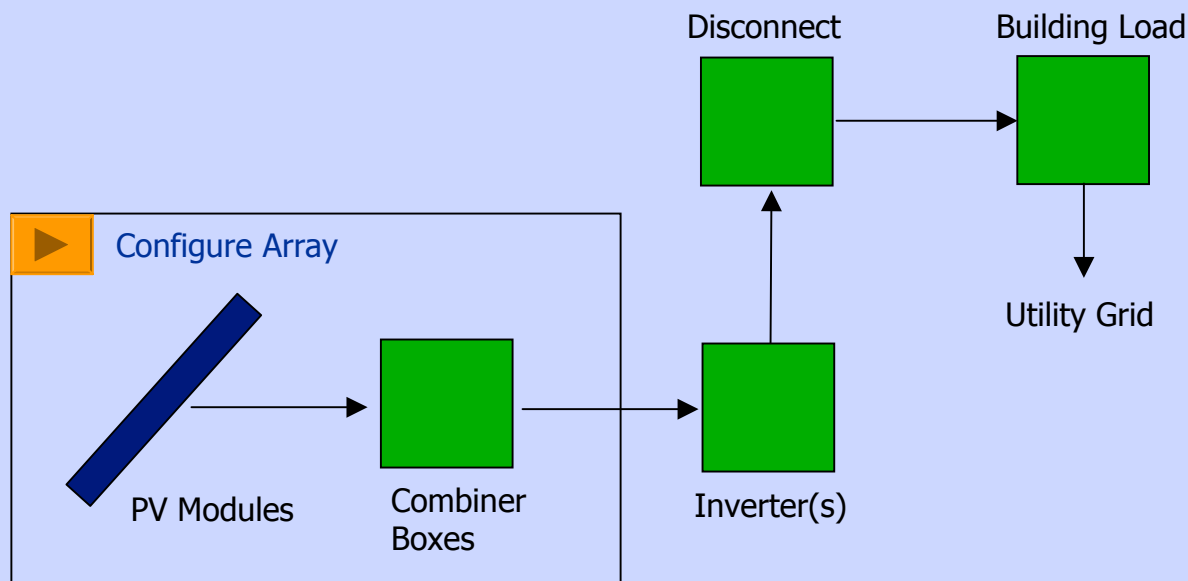


Calculate System
Performance and Cost

- Work with Default System
- ▢ View Systems Specs
- Modify System Specs



Commercial Scale System



Module Type

Kyocera KC120-1 , 1998

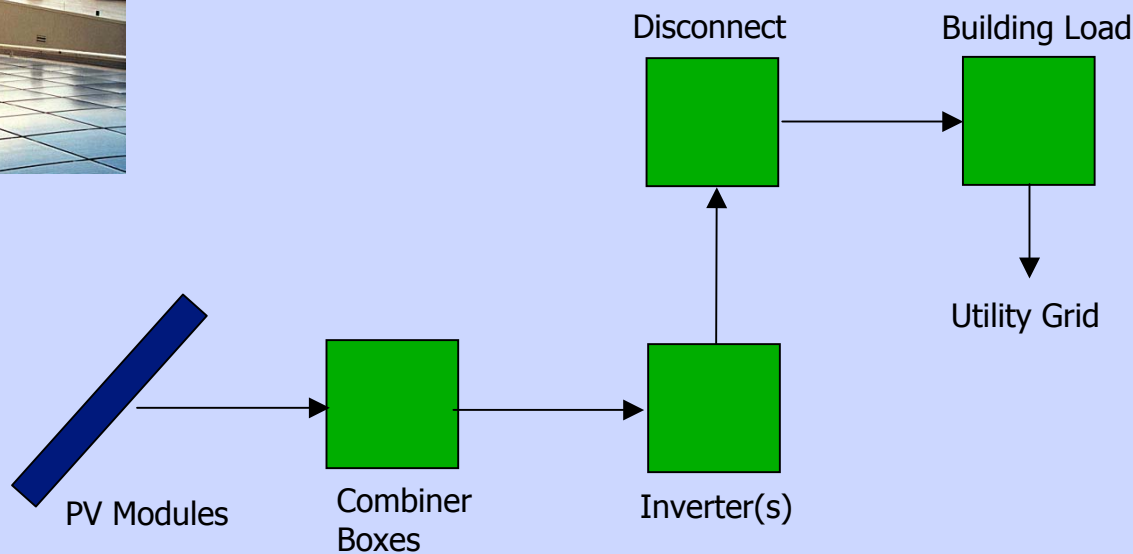
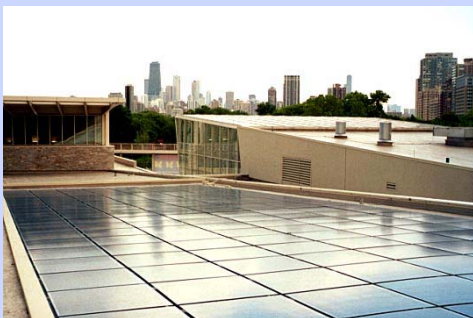
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ASE-50-ATF/17 (50) , 1999 (E)
AstroPower AP-110 , 1999 (E)
AstroPower AP-120 , 1999 (E)
AstroPower AP-1206 , 1998

Inverter Type

Trace SW-2400



Commercial Scale System



PV Module Performance Parameters



PV Module Financial Parameters



Module Specs

Module Performance											
										Module Size	
Fixed Module Efficiency		13%	Fixed Module Efficiency ▾					Total Area (m²)		0.87	
Module Efficiency Degradation Rate (relative %/yr)					0.50%				Active Area (m²)		0.64
Module Failure Rate (average # per year)				0.5							
Soiling Losses		2%									



PV Cell Performance
Parameters



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systems schematic

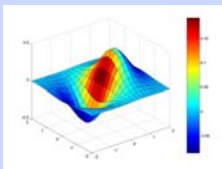


PV Module Financial
Parameters



Outputs

Energy Cost per Year																
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13	Y14	Y15	
Levelized Cost per Year	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.39	\$ 1.01	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.36	
Energy Output (kWhr)	29,567	29,272	28,980	28,691	28,405	28,121	27,841	27,563	27,288	27,016	26,746	26,480	26,215	25,954	25,695	
Payments+O&M	\$12,757	\$12,469	\$12,189	\$11,916	\$11,650	\$11,392	\$11,140	\$10,894	\$10,656	\$10,423	\$26,997	\$9,976	\$9,762	\$9,553	\$9,350	
AVERAGE ANNUAL COST OVER LIFETIME	\$11,251															
AVERAGE ANNUAL ENERGY OUTPUT	26,926															
LEVELIZED COST OF ELECTRICITY	\$ 0.42															



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Graphing Module

Select Items You Wish to Plot

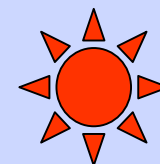
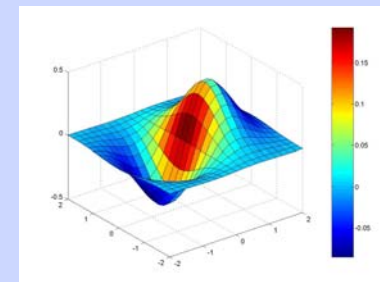
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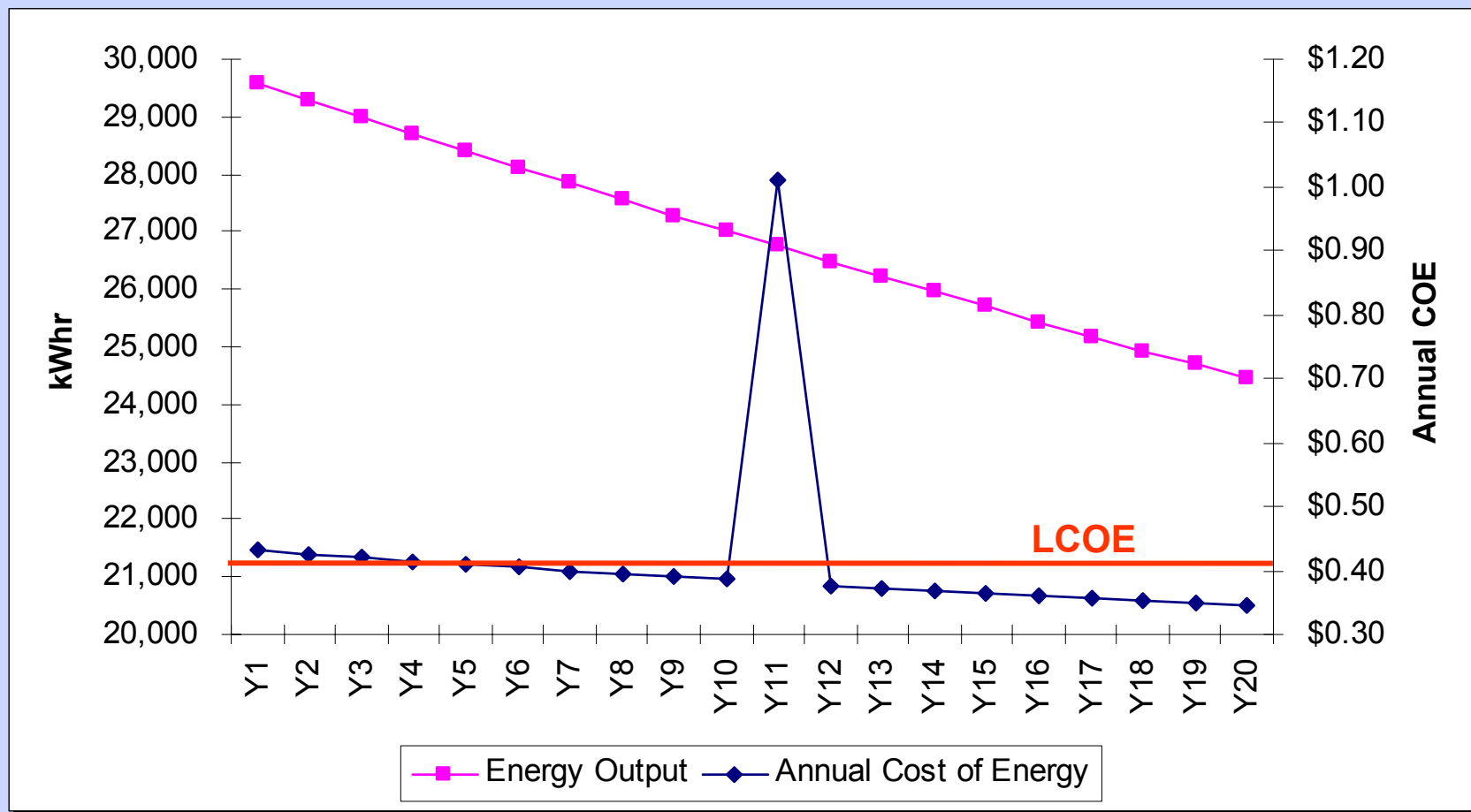
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- ☐ System Cost Breakdown
- ☐ Module Cost Breakdown
- ☐ BOS Cost Breakdown
- ☐ System Payback

☐ **CUSTOM GRAPH**



Generate
Graph



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Save Graph



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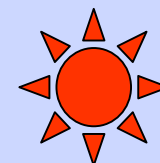
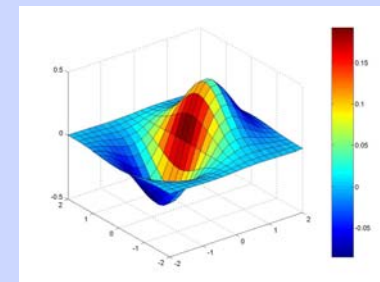
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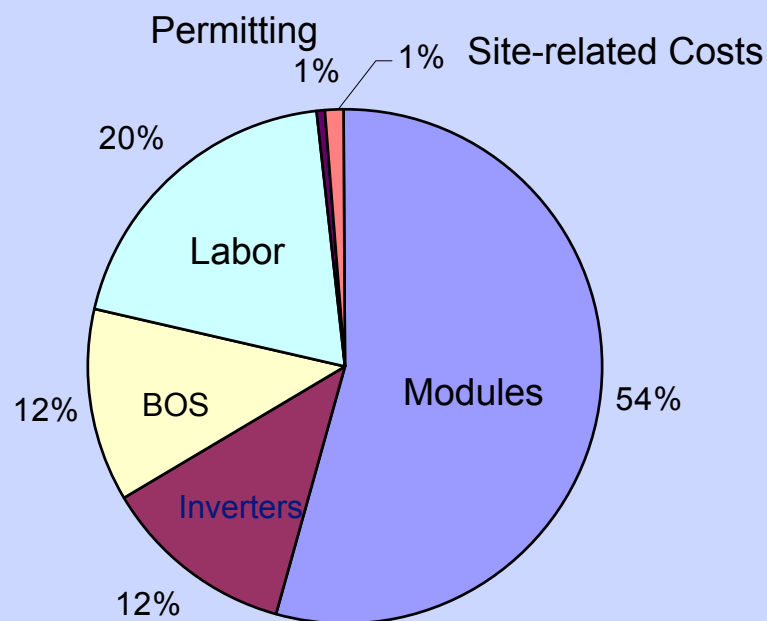
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Generate
Graph



System Price



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Next Steps for PVSAM

- Convert Excel code to MatLab Code
- Continue visits with industry and others
- Compile/incorporate databases
- Evaluate/incorporate existing accessible models



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